

## **Onshore Wind Industry Taskforce**

**Date and Time:** 11.30-12.30, Wednesday 31 July 2024

**Hybrid Location;** Teams and Old Admiralty Building, Whitehall

### **Chairs:**

Rt Hon Ed Miliband, Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero

Minister Michael Shanks, Minister for Energy

Matthieu Hue, CEO EDF Renewables

### **Taskforce Delegates**

Heather Donald (SSE Renewables)

Gillian Noble (Scottish Power  
Renewables)

Lucy Whitford (RES)

Eleri Davies (RWE)

Lisa Christie (Vattenfall)

Joanna Ellis (Nadara)

Christine McGregor (BayWa R.E.)

Jason Welch (Nordex)

Laura Fleming and then Alwyn Poulter  
(Hitachi)

Dan McGrail (RenewableUK)

Claire Mack (Scottish Renewables)

Jake Rigg (Electricity Systems  
Operator)

Steve Thomas (Prospect)

Andy Prendergast (GMB)

Mike Smyth (Energy4All)

Clem Cowton (Octopus Energy  
Generation)

Dean Drinkwater (Hutchinson  
Engineering)

With support from officials from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero.

### **Summary**

- The Secretary of State welcomed the taskforce members and thanked them for their engagement
- Matthieu Hue was introduced as co-chair
- DESNZ officials presented on context, scope and purpose of the Taskforce
- Minister Shanks presented on governance and areas of focus and invited discussion. Taskforce members discussed:
  - Ambitions for 2030
  - Outputs/deliverables of the Taskforce
  - Consideration of cross cutting issues and read across to existing reform programmes
  - Land use and commercial arrangements therein
  - Planning and environmental consenting (including for repowering and lifetime extensions)
  - Grid connection timelines and charging arrangements
  - Communities and local energy initiatives
  - Wind turbine interference with aviation and defence systems

- Finances and routes to markets (including for community energy projects)
  - Building jobs and attracting investment into UK based manufacturing
  - Skills and workforce considerations (including health and safety)
  - Supply chain constraints (including freight and transport)
- The Taskforce discussed delivery timelines; Members agreed that the Taskforce would sit for 4-6 months.
- Matthieu Hue set out actions and next steps:
  - Agreement of Terms of Reference and Minutes for publication on gov.uk
  - DESNZ to determine and establish Taskforce working groups
  - Next meeting to take place in September
- Minister Shanks called the meeting to a close